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Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 October 2013, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization items (agenda items 56 to 60). The general debate on those items was held at the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th meetings, on 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 October (see A/C.4/68/SR.3-8). The Committee took action on item 56 at its 8th meeting, on 14 October (see A/C.4/68/SR.8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/68/66 and Add.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/68/L.4

4. At the 8th meeting, on 14 October, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to a draft resolution entitled "Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories" (A/C.4/68/L.4), submitted by Algeria, Argentina, China, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Singapore and the United Republic of Tanzania. Subsequently, Ghana and Thailand joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/68/L.4 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

7. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 67/128 of 18 December 2012,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,[1] prepared pursuant to its resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Conscious of the importance of promoting the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Strongly convinced that the continuation and expansion of offers of scholarships is essential in order to meet the increasing need of students from Non-Self-Governing Territories for educational and training assistance, and considering that students in those Territories should be encouraged to avail themselves of such offers,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Invites* all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that have not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. *Urges* the administering Powers to take effective measures to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.

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[1] A/68/66 and Add.1.